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Application No. 10/648,464

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For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE
HAVING A SLOTTED PARTIAL
CIRCULAR DOMED ARCH STRIP SPRING

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2007, finally rejecting claims 13-16, 18, 20, 21 and 23-26, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: